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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIA REACTS TO EGYPTIAN WARNING REGARDING USE OF
THE NILE

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1. ETHIOPIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA) ISSUED
IMMEDIATE RESPONSE MAY 13 TO EGYPTIAN WARNINGS ON ACTI-
VITIES AFFECTING NILE WATERS CARRIED IN MAY 13 ISSUE OF
"AKHABAR EL-YOM." CALLING THE WARNING "A RUDE AND PRO-
VOCATIVE INTERFERENCE IN ETHIOPIA'S AFFAIRS AND A MED-
DLING ACT WITHOUT PRECEDENCE," THE ETHIOPIAN STATEMENT
ASSERTED THAT "ETHIOPIA IS AT FULL LIBERTY AND WITHIN HER RIGHT
TO UTILIZE NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF HER
PEOPLE." STATEMENT CONCLUDED ON POSITIVE NOTE THAT
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"REVOLUTIONARY ETHIOPIA DOES NOT BELIEVE IN EXCLUSIVE
EXPLOITATION OF HER RESOURCES AGAINST THE WELL-BEING
OF THE MASSES IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES."

2. COMMENT: EGYPTIAN FEARS OF ETHIOPIA DAMMING HEAD
WATERS OF NILE SEEM UNFOUNDED, AS ETHIOPIA LACKS TECH-
NICAL CAPACITY OR POLITICAL WILL TO DO SO. DESPITE

EGYPTIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA, ETHIOPIA
HAS PRESERVED ITS RELATIONS WITH CAIRO. WHILE SO-
VIETS MAY HARBOR ILL-WILL TOWARD EGYPT, THEY DO NOT
SEEM TO BE CONTEMPLATING ANY DIVERSION OF NILE AT THIS
TIME.
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